

Star Communications Buys Newspapers in Paterson, N.J.

The News Printing Company, Inc., publishers of The Morning News and The Evening News in Paterson, N.J., has been purchased by Washington Star Communications, Inc.

Announcement of the purchase was made yesterday by Joe L. Allbritton, chairman of Washington Star Communications, parent company of The Washington Star. The newspapers, founded in 1890, have a combined circulation of 65,000 and are published daily except Sunday.

The newspapers were purchased from Edward B. Haines, publisher and grandson of the founder. The founder, whose name was also Edward B. Haines, served as publisher from 1890 to 1911 and was succeeded by his son, Harry B. Haines, publisher until 1972.

Pointing out that the Paterson acquisition was the fourth newspaper purchased by Washington Star Communications in the past year, Allbrit-

ton said "the purchase is a major step in our company's plan to expand its publishing interests. The Haines family played a major role in the Paterson community during the past 87 years, and we are pleased they chose us to continue this proud heritage."

Other newspaper properties owned by Washington Star Communications are The Westfield Evening News and The Wallace Pennysaver, in Westfield, Mass.; The York County Coast Star, in Kennebunk, Maine; and the Sanford Star, in Sanford, Maine. The company also owns WJLA-TV in Washington, a television and radio station in Lynchburg, Va., a television station in Charleston, S.C., and The Washington Star Syndicate in New York City.

George Cooper, of George Cooper & Associates, a newspaper brokerage firm, assisted the buyer and the seller in closing the Paterson transaction.